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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National
Foreign Assessment Center

VIA : Director of Economic Research

SUBJECT : Attendance at 30th Annual
Student Conference on US
Security Affairs (West Point)

1. I request approval to participate as one of the several seminar leaders at the 30th Annual Student Conference on US Security Affairs at the US Military Academy (USMA) during 15-18 November. (This would be the third such annual conference I have attended for the Agency.)

2. I was invited to participate by Colonel William Taylor of USMA's Social Science Department on 25 October. Colonel Taylor, a former associate at the National War College, wants me to co-chair a conference seminar on North-South economic relations. As in the past, the preferred method of operation is for the students to:

- ° organize their own approach to the material of the panels;
- ° sustain the bulk of the discussion; and
- ° draft a final report that reflects their views of the issues.

The seminar leaders are expected to:

- ° perform a Socratic role in initially channeling the discussions;
- ° referee the seminar;
- ° provide guidance on points of theory or practical detail; and
- ° assist in structuring and editing -- but not drafting -- the final report.

Accordingly, it is not possible to submit an outline of the treatment of the topic at this time.

3. This conference typically draws about 200 students from all over the United States. Speakers and seminar leaders come from the academic world, private research institutes, the armed forces, and the federal bureaucracy. The intent is to stimulate constructive discussion on a wide range of issues pertinent to national security policy. I believe the Agency's public image is well-served by a constructive presence in a substantive area in which we have practical experience. The particular areas with which my panel will deal are at the heart of the subject matter and mission of this branch.

4. Colonel Taylor indicated that USMA would fund all expenses for conference participants. In the case of a federal employee, this would mean only travel and per diem. The Agency would, of course, bear the personnel cost implicit in the administrative leave required for my attendance.

5. I am not under cover and therefore would identify myself as a CIA employee. A small guidebook prepared for the conference participants would include a short biographic note similar to one approved by CIA for use in the National War College directory for 1975/76.

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